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have your cake and eat it, too.

PRESIDENT: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President and members, I do know for a fact that Senator Barrett is over 55, because Senator Hefner and Senator Barrett and I were out in San Diego to a meeting a few years ago and we went to do one evening a tour of the harbor, and the lady where we was buying the tickets said, are you 55? And I said, yes, I'm over 55, and Speaker Barrett said, my God, do I have to divulge my name (sic)? And so he said, yes, I am over 55. As we was boarding the boat, he said, my God, am I senior citizen? So, I don't know...if he's 60 or what, but I did find out he's over 55, and out there he's considered a senior citizen.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett, would you like to close now? (Laughter.) Oh, Senator McFarland's light came on. Just a minute. You're out of order.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: At last, I've been waiting for this. Senator Barrett, perhaps one day you will be able to attend the university, tuition free. (Laughter.) But I'd like, in all seriousness, I'd like to wish you happy birthday on being a half a century plus ten years old.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Jim.

PRESIDENT: Now for the closing. Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thanks to all of you. This is a pleasant surprise. Senator Morrissey has just bailed me out, Mr. President. I am just advised that this happens to be his birthday as well. Happy birthday, Senator Morrissey. (Applause.) For those of you who have chastised me for not having goodies on site, Spencer...or Senator Morrissey advises me there will be cookies. So you'll have something to eat after all. I did not chip in. (Laughter.) Senator Wehrbein advises me that 60 is nifty. How about that. Senator Lamb, you have just exposed the biggest secret, and that is the age. Perhaps one of the nicest things that just happened to me, when I came in, Carl, our Sergeant at Arms, came up to me and wished me a happy birthday, and we talked about my age. He said, do you know what one of the Pages just said to me when I told them your birthday today? I said, no. The Page said, he's not that old!